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PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIRILLIN VISIT

REF. AMBASSADOR HARTMAN'S 9 JULY CALL

1. SOVIET DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE
COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, VLADIMIR A. KIRILLIN
CHAired SOVIET SIDE FOR FIFTH SESSION OF US/USSR JOINT
COMMISSION ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN
WASHINGTON JULY 6-8. KIRILLIN ALSO CALLED ON PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY AND IS VISITING US FIRMS.

2. HIGHLIGHT OF COMMISSION'S SESSION WAS SIGNING ON
JULY 8 BY KIRILLIN AND US CO-CHAIRMAN PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE
ADVISOR DR. FRANK PRESS, OF RENEWAL OF 1972 SUMMIT AGREE-
MENT ON COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
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RENEWAL RETAINED ALL BASIC FEATURES OF 1972 DOCUMENT. ONLY
IMPORTANT CHANGE WAS ADDITION OF CLAUSE THAT TWO CO CHAIR-
MEN WOULD "ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE" COOPERATION UNDER ALL
BILATERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS, THUS ENGAGING
THEIR GOOD OFFICES FOR PROBLEM RESOLUTION.

3. COMMISSION MEETINGS REVIEWED PROGRESS OVER RECENT MONTHS,

APPROVED WORK FOR COMING YEAR, AND CONSIDERED PROBLEM AREAS.

ATMOSPHERE WAS FRIENDLY, BUSINESS-LIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

4. ACTIVITY UNDER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT FOR NEAR FUTURE WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ABOUT LAST YEAR'S LEVEL.

5. SOVIET DELEGATION ALSO VISITED CDC COMPUTER CENTER AND NASA'S GODDARD SPACE FACILITY NEAR WASHINGTON, AND ON JULY 8 TRAVELLED TO NEW YORK WHERE IBM AND US CONSORTIUM (TENNECO, ROOT AND BROWN AND TEXAS EASTERN) WHICH HAS CONSIDERED PARTICIPATION IN WEST SIBERIAN "NORTH STAR GAS PROJECT," WILL HOST KIRILLIN FOR BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS BEFORE DELEGATION DEPARTS FOR USSR VIA WASHINGTON ON JULY 12.

6. KIRILLIN HAS BEEN RELAXED AND POSITIVE THROUGHOUT. HE HAS CONCENTRATED HIS ATTENTION ON SUBSTANCE OF BILATERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION, NOT RAISING POLITICAL ISSUES NOR REPLAYING SOVIET CRITICISM OF US POLICIES ON OTHER SUBJECTS. HE APPEARS WELL SATISFIED WITH COURSE OF VISIT.

7. WE USED KIRILLIN VISIT TO STRESS OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN PROGRESS IN US-USSR RELATIONS DESPITE RECENT BAD ATMOSPHERICS. AS A RESULT OF MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY WE HOPE KIRILLIN WILL RETURN TO MOSCOW WITH THE MESSAGE THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION PRESENTS MOSCOW WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE AHEAD ON ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE WHICH
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